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INFORM CONSULS, POLADS, FM CHAIRMAN, THE SEC'S OPEN FORUM

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SUBJECT:NOTICE OF OPEN FORUM ELECTIONS

SUMMARY:PERSONNEL AVAILABLE FOR REASSIGNMENT IN THE SUMMER
CYCLE ARE URGED TO CONSIDER RUNNING FOR THE ELECTIVE ONE-
YEAR CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE SECRETARY'S OPEN FORUM. PERSONNEL
RETURNING TO WASHINGTON MAY RUN FOR THE POSITION OF VICE
CHAIRPERSON WHICH IS A VOLUNTEER OFFICE HELD IN ADDITION
TO REGULARLY ASSIGNED DUTIES. WHILE THE ACTIVITIES OF THE
OPEN FORUM ARE FOCUSED IN WASHINGTON, THE CHAIRMAN AND
STEERING GROUP WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO GUARANTEE THOSE
CANDIDATES SERVING OVERSEAS AN EQUAL CHANCE TO COMPETE IN
THE ELECTION PROCESS. END SUMMARY
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1.NOMINATIONS ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED FOR THE POSITIONS
OF CHAIRPERSON AND VICE CHAIRPERSON OF THE SECRETARY'S
OPEN FORUM. THE CHAIRMANSHIP IS A FULL-TIME POSITION,
BASED IN THE POLICY PLANNING STAFF (S/P), AND PROVIDING
VALUABLE OPPORTUNITIES FOR INITIATIVE, CREATIVITY,
WRITING, MANAGEMENT, AND EXERCISE OF RESPONSIBLE

INDEPENDENCE WITHIN THE BUREAUCRATIC STRUCTURE. THE CHAIRPERSON HAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO PREPARE OR COORDINATE OPEN FORUM POLICY PAPERS FOR FORWARDING TO THE PRINCIPALS OF THE DEPARTMENT AND RELATED AGENCIES, SERVE

AS A FORM OF "OMBUDSMAN" ON POLICY ISSUES, MOBILIZE DISCUSSION GROUPS ON SUBSTANTIVE PROBLEM AREAS, MONITOR THE DISSENT CHANNEL, CHAIR THE OPEN FORUM'S MEETINGS WITH DISTINGUISHED SPEAKERS AND PUBLISH THE QUARTERLY CLASSIFIED OPEN FORUM JOURNAL. THE VICE CHAIRPERSON SERVES ON A VOLUNTEER BASIS, AS REGULAR JOB RESPONSIBILITIES PERMIT. OTHER MEMBERS OF THE OPEN FORUM STEERING GROUP, ALSO SERVING ON A VOLUNTEER BASIS, ARE APPOINTED BY THE CHAIRPERSON. THE EDITORIAL BOARD OF THE OPEN FORUM JOURNAL ELECTS ITS OWN NEW MEMBERS BUT THERE ARE NO CURRENT VACANCIES.

2. THE CHAIRPERSON AND VICE CHAIRPERSON WILL BE CHOSEN IN A GENERAL ELECTION OF ALL MEMBERS OF THE OPEN FORUM AND WILL SERVE FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR, BEGINNING APPROXIMATELY MID-SUMMER OF 1978. A NOMINEE MAY BE ANY AVAILABLE EMPLOYEE OF STATE, AID, USIA OR ACDA, WITHOUT REGARD TO GRADE, CLASS OR PERSONNEL SYSTEM.

3. NOMINATIONS FOR THE TWO OFFICES, WHICH SHOULD INCLUDE A BRIEF STATEMENT BY THE NOMINEE, SHOULD BE UNCLASSIFIED

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RECEIVED BY THE OPEN FORUM STEERING GROUP BY MARCH 24. THE STEERING GROUP WILL BE PLEASED TO NOMINATE CANDIDATES FROM OVERSEAS. CANDIDATES WILL BE NOTIFIED OF THE RESULTS OF VOTING DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF APRIL.

4. PAST CHAIRPERSONS OF THE OPEN FORUM INCLUDE WILLIAM H. LUERS, DAVID BILTCHIK, DAVID AARON, CHARLES H. THOMAS, WM. R. SALISBURY, RICHARD L. WILLIAMSON, SANDRA VOGELGESANG, RAYMOND F. SMITH, PETER J. LYDON, AND NEIL BOYER. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE NATURE OF THE POSITIONS OF CHAIRPERSON AND VICE CHAIRPERSON, ON THE WRITTEN STATEMENT REQUESTED, OR ON ELECTION PROCEDURES, CONTACT THE CURRENT CHAIRMAN, DOUGLAS KINNEY BY TELEGRAM SLUGGED "FOR OPEN FORUM AND PER/FCA". CANDIDATES MAY USE THE PER CHANNEL IF THEY WISH. CHRISTOPHER

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